

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2620, THE DEPARTMENTS OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND  
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

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JULY 26, 2001.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, from the Committee on Rules,  
submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 210]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 210, by a record vote of 8 to 4, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

### SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2620, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002, under an open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment by paragraph. The rule also waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of Rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill and prohibiting reappropriations in a general appropriations bill), except as specified in the rule. The rule provides that the amendment printed in this report may be offered only by a Member designated in this report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in this report. The rule further waives clause 2(e) of Rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation) against amendments offered during consideration of the bill.

The rule authorizes the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill contains a waiver of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee) because the bill contains emergency funding that was not designated as such by the Budget Committee, and clause 4 of Rule XIII (requiring a three day availability of the committee report) because the committee report was not filed until Wednesday, July 25th and the bill may be considered by the House as early as Thursday, July 26th.

#### COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to clause 3(b) of House rule XIII the results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

##### *Rules Committee record vote No. 29*

Date: July 26, 2001.

Measure: H.R. 2620, Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002.

Motion by: Mr. Frost.

Summary of motion: To make in order the Obey amendment to raise the top tax rate to 39.1 percent from 38.6 percent in the Bush tax cut, and use \$1 billion of that to increase funding for veterans' medical care and a pair of HUD housing programs. Also increases funding for enforcement of various programs by the Environmental Protection Agency and restoring the Americorps national service program.

Results: Defeated 4 to 8.

Vote by Members: Goss—Nay; Linder—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Frost—Yea; Hall—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

##### *Rules Committee record vote No. 30*

Date: July 26, 2001.

Measure: H.R. 2620, Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002.

Motion by: Mr. Hastings (FL).

Summary of motion: To make in order the Bishop amendment to authorize the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish a minority emergency preparedness demonstration program to research and promote the capacity of minority communities to provide data, information, and awareness education by providing grants to or executing contracts or cooperative agreements with eligible nonprofit organizations to establish and conduct such programs.

Results: Defeated 4 to 8.

Vote by Members: Goss—Nay; Linder—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Frost—Yea; Hall—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

*Rules Committee record vote No. 31*

Date: July 26, 2001.

Measure: H.R. 2620, Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002.

Motion by: Mr. Goss.

Summary of motion: To report the resolution.

Results: Agreed to 8 to 4.

Vote by Members: Goss—Yea; Linder—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Myrick—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Reynolds—Yea; Frost—Nay; Hall—Nay; Slaughter—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Dreier—Yea.

#### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

Young/Walsh—Sense of Congress that the Administration should report in a timely manner its determinations of the specific funding levels required to meet the emergency needs of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENT MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG OF FLORIDA, OR REPRESENTATIVE WALSH OF NEW YORK, OR A DESIGNEE

At the end of the bill (before the short title) insert the following:

SEC. 4 . The Congress finds that the President has informed the Congress that an increase in emergency funds for the Federal Emergency Management Agency will be required for fiscal year 2002. Therefore, it is the sense of the Congress that the Administration should report in a timely manner its determinations of the specific funding levels required to meet the emergency needs of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.